

Approved 02/24/2022

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall Basement Meeting Room. Present were Select Board members Gene Cordes, Neal Janvrin and Roger Barham; Town Administrator Heidi Carlson and School Board member Gordon Muench. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting is live broadcast by Jose Rivera Hernandez from FCTV and livestreamed on Vimeo.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Beginning with tonight's Select Board meeting, FCTV is pleased to announce that we will now be live streaming all of our meetings on Vimeo at the following link: <https://vimeo.com/fctv22>.

Please note that our YouTube channel will no longer be active, and that this Vimeo link will be the new permanent site for streaming. Just click on the 'FCTV Live' thumbnail (which will appear just prior to the meeting time) at the top of our Vimeo page to connect with the live stream.

2. Information relative to recent Public Hearings, Deliberative Session and Candidate Declaration are posted to the homepage of the Town's website. These meetings, candidate statements and other Town Meeting presentation information is being broadcast on FCTV and is available on the Vimeo site as well.

3. All Town Offices are closed on Monday February 21 in observance of President's Day. There are no delays in trash and recycling collections next week.

4. Get your dog licensed with the Town Clerk by April 30, 2022.

5. A Scam Alert from the Fremont Police Department has been posted. Please be careful in safeguarding your personal information!

6. Candidates Night will be held virtually next Wednesday evening February 23, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm on FCTV and livestreamed on Vimeo.

7. February 26th is the last day to register to vote prior to March 8 Town and School elections. Supervisors will meet at the Fremont Public Library from 9:30 to 10:00 am. Same day voter registration is available, but in the 10-day window, no new registrations can be taken and be eligible to vote on March 8th.

8. The Parks & Recreation Commission is doing a winter snow sculpture contest. Check the website home page news, the Commission's Facebook page, the Newsletter or FCTV for more information.

9. Kindergarten Registration is underway at Ellis School for the September 2022 school year start. This information is available on the school website and FCTV bulletin board.

10. Abatement applications for the 2021 tax year are due by Tuesday March 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the Select Board's Office.

11. There is a vacancy on the Budget Committee created by Brian McGinn's resignation in January. This will be posted for letters of interest to be sent to the Budget Committee for review at their next meeting (likely April 2022). The Committee makes an appointment for one year until the March 2023 election.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

02/16/2022 Planning Board: The Woodman lot line adjustment around Parcel 03-062 was continued until next meeting.

A pre-application meeting for the Renaissance Faire on Parcel 06-034 for Site Plan Review took place. They are proposing to hold the event on the opposite side of Martin Road and a full major Site Plan Application is anticipated shortly.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Janvrin to approve the February 10, 2022 minutes as written which was seconded by Barham with unanimous approval 3-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS - times subject to change based on the flow of the meeting.

6:35 pm Public Input - none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Town Reports are due back very soon. It will be posted on the website when they come in, and they will be available at Ellis School, Fremont Public Library and Town Hall.
2. FCTV has changed their subscription for livestreaming from YouTube to Vimeo based on ease and guidelines of each provider. The link and other information can be accessed from the homepage of the Town's website or from the FCTV social media page.
3. The 2021 Audit is nearly completed. Work continues on the Capital Asset spreadsheet. Carlson discussed with the Board the status of reporting requirements for GASB 75, covering post-employment benefits. The information is being gathered and quotes as applicable. Carlson will get the information back to the Board. Additionally the auditors were pleased to learn of the new policies adopted. They will also look at the draft of the Year End Closing Policy.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda
 - a. Payroll \$36,608.74 and Accounts Payable \$107,126.62 manifests for the current week dated 02/18/2022.
 - b. Timesheets for Department Heads for the pay period ending 02/12/2022.
 - c. FCTV Revolving Fund Manifest 2022-04 in the amount of \$1,371.53 to reimburse the Town's General Fund for February FCTV payroll
 - d. FCTV Revolving Fund Manifest 2022-05 in the amount of \$679.02 to Bill Millios to reimburse him for office supplies (\$49.80) and the Vimeo Premium service upgrade for the remainder of the year (\$629.22). This upgrade includes the added cost of livestreaming.
 - e. 2022 contract for mortgage research with Jane Sanders of Sanders Searches LLC (recommended and signed by the Tax Collector).
 - f. Review and sign off to authorize the journal entries done with auditors on 02/16/2021 to finalize the 2021 field work.

A motion to approve and sign the Consent Agenda as listed and read aloud, was made by Barham and seconded by Janvrin with unanimous approval 3-0.

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2. Board members reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence to include: An email from George Sansoucy with an estimate of cost to pursue the BTLA tax assessment cases against Eversource. The estimate is \$25,000 with 40% for Fremont and 60% for Dunbarton based on the breakdown of AV. If the two other towns join in, those shares will be reduced. To put this in perspective, the amount of the valuation in question is less than the cost to pursue the Town's position, and the valuation will last through the next revaluation once decided. There are also three other years of taxes in dispute, which are pending the outcome of the BTLA decision. There was an email from Bill Millios updating on the recent conversion to Vimeo for livestreaming and the cost; Xfinity channel discontinuances; the Town's policy and RSA regarding political advertising signs; a Fremont Police Department scandal alert from Chief Twiss which has been posted throughout town.
3. School mask status is optional at the present time, and the Moderator is asking for the Board's guidance as well for voting day. He has suggested using signage that is "Masks Recommended" for voting day. Great news from Ellis School (the Superintendent) today that there is only one active case, which is the lowest since September. The Board agreed that masks are highly recommended for voting day, especially those who will be on site for long periods of time.
4. Josh Yokela has made a request to have a list of all non-public minutes pursuant to new legislation passed as of January 1, 2022. We are working on trying to put such a document together. It is many years worth of researching information and will take some time to complete the requested list.

VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. The Safety Committee meets next Tuesday at the Library.

At 7:00 pm Fire Rescue Chief Butler met with the Board to discuss the length of time on a recent ambulance call at a resident's home. Carlson got the information last Friday night and has been in contact with the resident. There was discussion about EMS on-call coverage, which ends generally at 6:00 am. At 6:45 am, many people are leaving (or gone from) Fremont to go to their full-time employment. This particular day there was also a lack of communication between Raymond Dispatch and Rockingham County Dispatch, compounding the issue, and having no responders at the home for more than 20 minutes.

There was a historical review of the Fremont Fire Rescue and where it has come since the two departments combined, and the recent work done with MRI. The time is coming when the Town needs to consider our next steps to provide additional availability.

Butler then shared some further information he got from Raymond Dispatch logs. This particular call showed that the time to ambulance arrival was 22 minutes. The Board did not want to get into personal information about the incident or the caller in public session.

At 7:13 pm motion was made by Janvrin to enter into non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to discuss a personnel matter. Barham seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous 3-0: Cordes – yes; Janvrin – yes; Barham – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren
Select Board Administrative Assistant

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The Board's non-public session began at approximately 7:20 pm.

At 7:50 pm a motion was made by Janvrin to return to public session. Barham seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous 3-0: Cordes – yes; Janvrin – yes; Barham – yes.

There was discussion about education for the public on how the Fire and EMS response system works in Fremont, and perhaps further about how the 911 dispatching and coordination between our two dispatch centers work.

Chief Butler will set up a meeting with Raymond Dispatch Center and Raymond Ambulance (RAI) to go through the expectations for the Town's benefit to be sure the Board fully understands what they can offer and how it's planned to work.

Chief Butler will be back soon with some additional reports the Board had requested in follow-up to a meeting two weeks ago. He also noted that the Department's Forestry truck is out of service for upgrades on it before the forest fire season starts. Some equipment has already been removed from it, and it should be back by the end of March. This vehicle is a 1977 Army surplus truck.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Town Hall.

With no further business which may legally come before the Board, a motion was made by Janvrin to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Barham seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator